

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FORT BLISS NONCOMMISSIONED OFFIER ACADEMY BUILDING 2E SHERIDAN ROAD FORT BLISS, TEXAS 79916

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30 May 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL Assigned/Attached Personnel, NCO Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916-6501

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #2, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP)

- 1. Reference: Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, dated 24 July 2020.
- 2. Purpose: To establish the Commandant's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) policy.
- 3. Sexual assault is a criminal offense that has no place in the Army. It degrades mission readiness by devastating the Army's ability to work effectively as a team. Every Soldier who is aware of a sexual assault should immediately (within 24 hours) report incidents. Sexual assault is incompatible with Army Values and is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and other federal and local civilian laws.
- 4. Sexual harassment is a form of gender discrimination and is defined as deliberate, repeated, unwanted and/or unsolicited comments, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature. It is behavior that offends, exploits, embarrasses, inhibits, or penalizes a person because of his or her gender. Sexual harassment creates a hostile environment for its victims and reflects questionable leadership.
- 5. It is important for all members of the Academy to understand that sexual assault and harassment will not be tolerated. We must maintain the highest levels of professionalism by maximizing utilization of individuals potential. We interface daily with military, civilian, and student members of both genders and all ages. In this environment, our conduct towards members of the opposite sex must always be proper and professional.
- 6. Individuals who are sexually harassed by superiors, supervisors, co-workers, or peers should make it clear that such behavior is offensive and take appropriate action as prescribed by established procedures.
- 7. All leaders will ensure that all subordinates and students are familiar with procedures for reporting, investigating, and correcting sexual harassment incidents. Additionally, all reported instances of such behavior will be investigated. I will take action to combat

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sexual harassment. Such action may include disposition under UCMJ or other appropriate actions.

- 7. It is my policy that all members of the Fort Bliss Noncommissioned Officer Academy and its students live and work in an environment, both on and off the installation, that is free of harassment.
- 8. If you believe that the complaint will not be handled fairly at the lowest level or it involves a member of your Chain of Command, then you may present your complaint to the NCO Academy SHARP Representative or the Commandant.

Unit SHARP Location:

**BLDG 2, E WING** 

Telephone:

(915) 245-8991

Hours:

24 hours

9. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at (915) 568-2440.

S. STEVE GIBBS

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